



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

February 27, 2007

Honorable Mark Emblidge
President
Virginia Board of Education
227 North Main Street
Hillsville, Virginia 24343

Dear Dr. Emblidge:

Thank you again for the time you spent meeting with Dr. Grover Whitehurst, Dr. Catherine Freeman, and me on February 22. I am writing in response to your oral request for additional information about the potential financial consequences if a local educational agency in Virginia continues to administer the Stanford English Language Proficiency (SELP) test to its limited English proficient (LEP) students as a substitute for the reading/language arts content test. If this practice continues, this Department could withhold all or a portion of any local educational agency's allocation under Title I, Part A of the ESEA, if the local educational agency is in violation of the law. Please see the enclosure to this letter for the amount of fiscal year 2006 Title I, Part A funds for each local educational agency that could be withheld.

Because the Virginia Department of Education has a responsibility to ensure that its school divisions comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements of any program under which they receive funds, the Department may also withhold all or a portion of Virginia's Title I, Part A State administrative funds. For fiscal year 2006, the Virginia Department of Education received up to \$2,080,116 for administrative purposes. As mentioned in our meeting, the Department takes seriously its responsibility of enforcing the statutory requirements now that the deadline for State implementation of fully approved standards and assessment systems has passed.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. We look forward to continuing our dialogue and providing technical assistance to Virginia as we explore ways to better serve the needs of the State's LEP population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Simon".

Raymond Simon

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Tom Morris
Honorable Billy K. Cannaday, Jr.

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| <u>DISTRICT</u> | <u>FY 2006 TITLE I ALLOCATION *</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| ACCOMACK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,988,049 |
| ALBEMARLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,272,432 |
| ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 3,113,722 |
| ALLEGHANY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 549,306 |
| AMELIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 286,204 |
| AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 866,012 |
| APPOMATTOX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 465,498 |
| ARLINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 2,576,824 |
| AUGUSTA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,109,629 |
| BATH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 70,941 |
| BEDFORD CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 289,166 |
| BEDFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,083,293 |
| BLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 139,845 |
| BOTETOURT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 375,373 |
| BRISTOL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 845,149 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 692,756 |
| BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$1,413,258 |
| BUCKINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$589,062 |
| BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$177,310 |
| CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,489,777 |
| CAROLINE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 569,021 |
| CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,069,713 |
| CHARLES CITY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 169,399 |
| CHARLOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 575,269 |
| CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,349,399 |
| CHESAPEAKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 5,620,451 |
| CHESTERFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 4,860,582 |
| CLARKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 169,286 |
| COLONIAL HEIGHTS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 294,410 |
| COVINGTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 216,900 |
| CRAIG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 129,330 |
| CULPEPER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 876,299 |
| CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 392,344 |
| DAHLGREN D.O.D. | \$ 8,713 |
| DANVILLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 2,791,565 |
| DICKENSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 819,864 |
| DINWIDDIE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 632,284 |
| EMPORIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 317,436 |
| ESSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 399,363 |
| FAIRFAX CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 200,830 |
| FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 17,479,830 |
| FALLS CHURCH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 42,025 |
| FAUQUIER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 702,379 |
| FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 367,613 |
| FLUVANNA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 324,903 |
| FRANKLIN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 529,758 |
| FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,590,190 |

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| FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,030,621 |
| FREDERICKSBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 703,489 |
| GALAX CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 420,850 |
| GILES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 459,251 |
| GLOUCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 858,532 |
| GOOCHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 246,043 |
| GRAYSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 672,245 |
| GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 385,353 |
| GREENSVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 336,587 |
| HALIFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,605,813 |
| HAMPTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 5,942,394 |
| HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 675,088 |
| HARRISONBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 984,449 |
| HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 5,319,813 |
| HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 2,103,522 |
| HIGHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 64,353 |
| HOPEWELL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,298,372 |
| ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 731,433 |
| JAMES CITY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 743,322 |
| KING AND QUEEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 185,062 |
| KING GEORGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 308,079 |
| KING WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 209,242 |
| LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 390,993 |
| LEE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,617,011 |
| LEXINGTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 69,918 |
| LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,344,095 |
| LOUISA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 718,112 |
| LUNENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 507,157 |
| LYNCHBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 3,182,610 |
| MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 305,615 |
| MANASSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 690,813 |
| MANASSAS PARK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 233,907 |
| MARTINSVILLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 779,738 |
| MATHEWS COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 190,685 |
| MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,293,590 |
| MIDDLESEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 305,913 |
| MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,616,277 |
| NELSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 382,707 |
| NEW KENT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 206,087 |
| NEWPORT NEWS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 9,902,310 |
| NORFOLK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 16,328,986 |
| NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 742,540 |
| NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 425,948 |
| NORTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 195,180 |
| NOTTOWAY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 702,212 |
| ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 586,804 |
| PAGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 678,258 |

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| PATRICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 678,400 |
| PETERSBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 2,129,895 |
| PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 2,038,490 |
| POQUOSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 76,023 |
| PORTSMOUTH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 5,983,529 |
| POWHATAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 285,999 |
| PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 785,939 |
| PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 622,468 |
| PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 6,042,448 |
| PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,491,263 |
| QUANTICO MARINE CORPS CTR | \$ 158,437 |
| RADFORD CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 219,151 |
| RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 131,284 |
| RICHMOND CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 12,243,946 |
| RICHMOND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 247,135 |
| ROANOKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 5,439,031 |
| ROANOKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,218,563 |
| ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 441,493 |
| ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,424,461 |
| RUSSELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,260,650 |
| SALEM CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 373,270 |
| SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 821,134 |
| SHENANDOAH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 795,500 |
| SMYTH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,202,771 |
| SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 549,684 |
| SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,756,053 |
| STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,396,928 |
| STAUNTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 747,544 |
| SUFFOLK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 2,713,100 |
| SURRY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 205,197 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 419,923 |
| TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,846,164 |
| TOWN OF COLONIAL BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 378,789 |
| TOWN OF WEST POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 36,852 |
| VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 11,414,712 |
| WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 792,576 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,511,323 |
| WAYNESBORO CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 877,461 |
| WESTMORELAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 435,785 |
| WILLIAMSBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 189,237 |
| WINCHESTER CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 756,706 |
| WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 2,142,848 |
| WYTHE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 1,021,379 |
| YORK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | \$ 459,182 |

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* Actual amounts received by LEAs will be smaller than shown here due to State-level adjustments to Federal Title I allocations. States adjust allocations, for example, to reflect LEA boundary changes or the creation of new LEAs, including charter school LEAs, that are not accounted for in the statutory calculations. States also are permitted to reserve up to 1 percent of allocations for administration and generally must reserve 4 percent in fiscal year 2006 for school improvement activities. These adjustments will reduce the actual amounts available to LEAs.